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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD

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1. REFTEL REPORTED DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE WILLIAM HOOD ON CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF AND IBRD ADN SPECIFICALLY COUNTER-RESOLUTION U.S. INTENDED TO INTRODUCE IF RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ROC SHOULD BE INTRODUCED BEFORE PRC HAD INDICATED INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP. HOOD HAD PROMISED TO CONSULT EXTAF RE GOC POSITION . HE HAS NOW PROVIDED CONSIDERED, AND ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE, GOC RESPONSE IN LETTER TO ECON COUNSELOR. TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

GIVEN CANADA'S RECOGNITION OF THE PRC AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, I AM ADVISED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR CANADA TO SUPPORT MEASURES WHICH WOULD HAVE AS THEIR OBJECTIVE THE RETENTION OF TAIWANESE REPRESENTATION IN THE IMF AND THE IBRD. THE DILEMMA PRESENTED BY THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY ITS OWN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE IMF AND THE IBRD DOES NOT CONSTITUTE, IN OUR VIEW, A SUFFICIENT REASON FOR TAKING FORMAL MOVES TO PROLONG INDEFINITELY THE PRESENT SITUATION. IT, HOWEVER, LEAVES SOME ROOM FOR INGENUITY IN DEVISING MEANS FOR WINDING UP TAIWANESE PARTICIPATION AND ENSUREING, IN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THAT THE FINANACIAL INTEGRITY OF THE TWO INSTITUTIONS IS PRESERVED.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CANADA COULD NOT GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO ANY RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD MAKE THE EXPULSION OF TAIWANESE REPRESENTATIVES CONDITIONAL ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IMF AND IBRD. IN THE SAME WAY, ANY RESOLUTION PROPOSING SIMULTANEOUS PARTICIPATION IN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS BY PRC AND TAIWANESE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO CANADA.

END OF TEXT.
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